

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT**

TO: Workana.com
Workana LLC
509 Madison Avenue Suite #506
New York, New York, 10022

Webhost: GoDaddy.com
1455 North Hayden Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(Violation of Financial Code section 17200)**

The Commissioner of Business Oversight finds that:

1. At all relevant times herein, Workana.com (Workana) is an entity of indeterminate origin with its principal place of business at 509 Madison Avenue Ste #506, New York, New York, 10022.

2. At all relevant times herein, Workana LLC, (WLLC) is a Delaware limited liability company that is the registrant of Workana.com and has its principal place of business at 509 Madison Avenue Suite #506, New York, New York, 10022.

3. At all relevant times herein, Workana.com is a website hosted by GoDaddy.com.

4. Workana and WLLC engage in the business of an escrow agent over the Internet at <http://Workana.com> by offering the following terms on its website:

(a) “Create a project describing what you need and the skills you are looking for to get it done. We will send this project to our vast network of professionals from all over the world, who will look at your project and will contact you to ask questions, and make a proposal.”

(b) “Once you picked a candidate, you and the freelancer will have a common area to exchange messages, files and coordinate deadlines and deliverables in a private and safe environment. The project will finalize once the freelancer delivers the work, and only upon your approval will the funds gets released to the other party.”

1 (c) “Workana will generally require payment from User prior to the performance of the
2 applicable Freelancer Services and will remit payment to Freelancer after User has confirmed that
3 the Freelancer Services have been performed.”

4 5. The Commissioner of Business Oversight has not issued a license to either Workana
5 or WLLC to conduct business as an escrow agent, as required under Financial Code section 17200.

6 Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion
7 that Workana.com and Workana LLC are engaged in the business of an escrow agent without
8 obtaining a license from the Commissioner of Business Oversight, in violation of Financial Code
9 section 17200.

10 Pursuant to Financial Code section 17416, Workana.com and Workana LLC are ordered to
11 desist and refrain from engaging in the business of receiving escrows for deposit or delivery without
12 first obtaining a license from the Commissioner of Business Oversight.

13 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, and consistent with the purposes, policies, and
14 provisions of the Escrow Law.

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16 Dated: June 12, 2018
Los Angeles, California

JAN LYNN OWEN
Commissioner of Business Oversight

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19 MARY ANN SMITH
20 Deputy Commissioner
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